

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

No. 4:24-CR-287-O

STEPHANIE HOCKRIDGE (02)
a/k/a STEPHANIE REIS

GOVERNMENT’S WITNESS LIST

NO.	DESCRIPTION	Sworn	Testified
1.	<p>Kandace Zelaya U.S. Small Business Administration Fact Witness</p> <p>Ms. Zelaya may testify about the SBA’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), including eligibility of applicants, documentation requirements for applicants, and certifications required to be made by applicants. She may also briefly describe the role of lenders, lender service providers, and agents with respect to the PPP, as well as briefly describe the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.</p>		
2.	<p>James Flores Fact Witness</p> <p>Mr. Flores may testify about Blueacorn—the company he, the defendant, and her codefendant founded purportedly to assist borrowers in obtaining PPP loans. He may also testify about how he and his coconspirators, including the defendant, used Blueacorn and their knowledge of PPP regulations to knowingly submit fraudulent loan applications for themselves and others.</p>		

3.	<p>Collin Friedemann Special Agent, FBI Fact Witness</p> <p>SA Friedemann may testify about his investigation into the defendant, her company, and her coconspirators. He may testify about the conspiracy and scheme to defraud the PPP. SA Friedemann may also offer and explain evidence he obtained, including documentary evidence about specific fraudulent loans the defendant submitted and helped to submit.</p>		
4.	<p>Kristi Gray Fact Witness</p> <p>Ms. Gray may testify about PPP loans she and her former husband received with the help of the defendant and her codefendant.</p>		
5.	<p>Eric Karnezis Fact Witness</p> <p>Mr. Eric Karnezis may testify about conspiring with the defendant and her codefendant to defraud the PPP through the defendant's VIPPP program.</p>		
6.	<p>Devin Hochberg Fact Witness</p> <p>Mr. Hochberg may testify about working with the defendant and her codefendant to obtain fraudulent PPP loans for himself and companies held in his name, as well as for others he referred to the defendant and her codefendant.</p>		
7.	<p>Anthony Karnezis Fact Witness</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Karnezis may testify about conspiring with the defendant and her codefendant to defraud the PPP through the defendant's VIPPP program.</p>		

8.	<p>James Hagerman Special Agent, IRS Fact Witness</p> <p>SA Hagerman may offer and summarize voluminous bank records, tax records, PPP application documents, and other documentary evidence relevant to the defendant and her codefendant's fraudulent PPP loan applications.</p>		
9.	<p>Karen Tillman Supervisory Attorney Advisor, SBA</p> <p>Ms. Tillman may testify about the authenticity of certain SBA records, namely, applications made by the defendant and her codefendant for Economic Injury Disaster Loans and advances.</p>		

Respectfully submitted,

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